

**Middletown Public Schools**

**Middletown, Rhode Island**

**Thursday, June 20, 2013**

**Michael S. Pinto Conference Room**

**7:00 p.m. - Regular School Committee Meeting**

**Members Present:**

**Theresa Spengler, Chairman**

**Kellie DiPalma, Vice-Chairman**

**Liana Fenton**

**Paul Mankofsky**

**William O'Connell**

**Also Present:**

**Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Superintendent of Schools**

**Linda Savastano, Assistant Superintendent**

**Raquel Pellerin, Business Manager**

**Edward Collins, Director of Facilities**

**The Regular School Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:02**

**p.m. by Chairman Theresa Spengler. Administrative staff members present were Michael Mancieri, Gail Abromitis, Michelle Fonseca, and Stephen Ponte.**

**Safety Town for incoming Kindergarten students will be held August 13-16 at Aquidneck School. This program is supported by 36 local businesses. Topics discussed include fire safety, bike safety, crime prevention, stranger danger, bus safety, water safety, and pet safety.**

## **SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING**

### **“MOST – Middletown’s Out of School Time Learning Program”**

**Deanne Reilly, District Intervention Coordinator/Multi-Age Teacher reported on the MOST Program. This is an after school summer intervention program that is new this year which was developed to support students in need of academic support. This is not summer school, it is an intervention program focusing on each student’s needs. The program is funded through Title I, Title III and McKinney Vento. It is a research based program that runs for 3 hours per day/4 days per week from July 8th through August 1st.**

## **PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS**

•**Student Awards – Student Awards were presented in the following categories:**

**-Newport Daily News Student of the Week**

**-Newport Daily News Athlete of the Week**

**-All-State Band and Chorus**

**-Student Art Awards**

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**A brief recess was taken.**

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

**No “Student Activities” for June 20, 2013.**

## **INFORMATION**

**Mrs. Kraeger noted the following items of information:**

•**Donation Letters**

•**NAFIS Newsletter**

•**The Wave**

•**Spring Sports Awards Night Booklet**

- Senior Athletic Awards Banquet
- Spring “Pops” Concert Booklet

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**No “Correspondence” for June 20, 2013.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. To approve the Consent Agenda. Unanimous vote.**

- Approval of Minutes of May 13, 2013 Special School Committee Meeting
- Approval of Minutes of May 16, 2013 School Committee Meeting
- Approval of Minutes of May 21, 2013 Special School Committee Meeting
- Approval of Minutes of June 3, 2013 Budget Workshop
- Approval of the following vouchers:

**Vouchers 5/7/2013 to 6/10/2013**

<b>Voucher Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Total</b>
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<b>1412</b>	<b>5/7/2013</b>	<b>\$4,851.67</b>
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<b>1376</b>	<b>5/8/2013</b>	<b>\$1,560.03</b>
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1375	5/8/2013	\$1,979.31
1378	5/9/2013	\$4,080.00
1377	5/9/2013	\$534.30
1379	5/10/2013	\$42,937.17
1381	5/13/2013	\$132.00
1380	5/13/2013	\$1,500.00
1390	5/15/2013	\$14,804.00
1389	5/15/2013	\$150,231.54
1382	5/15/2013	\$2,140.09
1391	5/16/2013	\$5,512.67
1392	5/17/2013	\$2,224.00
1393	5/20/2013	\$51.00
1413	5/22/2013	\$599.91
1397	5/22/2013	\$18.00
1396	5/22/2013	\$322.73
1395	5/22/2013	\$2,852.17
1394	5/22/2013	\$48,165.03
1399	5/23/2013	\$198.00
1398	5/23/2013	\$383.00
1406	5/30/2013	\$143,297.00
1409	6/4/2013	\$3,508.50
1408	6/4/2013	\$22,410.77
1407	6/4/2013	\$328,975.06
1410	6/5/2013	\$1,505.25
1411	6/6/2013	\$2,422.50
1414	6/7/2013	\$507,797.94

1418	6/10/2013	\$31,088.91
1417	6/10/2013	\$12,467.23
1416	6/10/2013	\$4,133.34
1415	6/10/2013	\$928.00
Total		\$1,343,611.12

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION ON PERSONNEL**

### **RESIGNATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT AT THE END OF THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Laura Yentsch**

**Director of Humanities, Middletown High School**

### **APPROVAL OF JOB SHARE FOR 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Kimberly Ceglarski**

**Kindergarten Teacher, Forest Avenue School**

### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY**

### **MEDICAL LEAVE**

**Michael Rodrigues**

**Facilities Department**

**From June 10, 2013 for approximately 30 days.**

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## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **CONTRACT EXTENSION – ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR SERVICES**

**MOTION: 1)Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the one year extension to the original contract. Unanimous vote.**

### **CONTRACT EXTENSION – PLUMBING CONTRACTOR SERVICES**

**MOTION: 1)Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the one year extension to the original contract. Unanimous vote.**

### **CONTRACT EXTENSION – TOILET PAPER/PAPER TOWELS**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the one year extension to the original contract. Unanimous vote.**

## **GYM BLEACHER REPLACEMENT BID**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee award the Gym Bleacher Replacement Bid to A+ Athletic Products. Unanimous vote.**

**This is a Town Capital Improvement project which is part of the school housing aid. Forty percent of the total will be reimbursed when all projects are completed. The bid was lowered because the old bleachers will be removed in-house. Mid-City Steel will take away the steel from the old bleachers.**

## **ATHLETIC DIRECTOR JOB DESCRIPTION**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the revisions to the Athletic Director Job Description. Unanimous vote.**

## **ELECTRICAL DEVICE POLICY**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the revision to the Electrical Device Policy. Unanimous vote.**

**The only addition to the policy is the term “Energy Star Rated”.**



## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Middletown Police Department and the Middletown School Department. Unanimous vote.**

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## **HOME SCHOOLING**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve Home Schooling 12-13-14 and 13-14-01. Unanimous vote.**

## **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee authorize payment of bills through June 30, 2013. Unanimous vote.**

## **TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee authorize the transfer of funds to appropriate lines of the**

**budget. Unanimous vote.**

## **FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee award the Food Service Contract to Chartwells. Unanimous vote.**

**This bid includes the school districts of Tiverton, Bristol Warren, Little Compton, Portsmouth, Barrington, East Providence, and Middletown.**

## **RESOLUTION**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the Resolution Against Charter Schools. Motion passed 4 to 1.**

**Yay – Theresa Spengler Nay – Paul Mankofsky**

**Kellie DiPalma**

**Liana Fenton**

**William O'Connell**

**Several community members spoke in favor of the proposed STEAM Charter School.**

**Mr. Mankofsky said that parents are asking for a choice. The**

**challenge for the three island communities is a regional high school with a variety of programs that serves all students.**

**Mrs. Fenton said that there have been small steps towards a regional high school. Accountability is an issue. She wants what is best for students with the best educational outcome.**

**Mrs. Spengler said that we all want what is best for the students. We need more clarity and more conversations need to take place.**

**Miss DiPalma wants opportunities to be available to all students, not just students who won lottery placement.**

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## **SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the Social Studies Curriculum. Unanimous vote.**

**The Mission Statement and Philosophy have been revised. A glossary of common words has been developed. A map is built for each grade. The Standards that are worked on are listed.**

## **FY 13-14 BUDGET APPROVAL**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the 2013-2014 school department budget in the**

**amount of \$38,116,114. Unanimous vote.**

**Variance between the School Department Budget and the Town Council Budget is \$456,668. This can be achieved by a combination of adding additional revenue (\$72,808) with a \$383,860 reduction in expenditures. Reductions include the elimination of one teacher from the multi-age program, the elimination of one bus, and the reduction of sports.**

**School Committee Members are concerned with the safety issues surround the elimination of the bus and the distance students will have to walk to their bus stop. It was requested that Mrs. Kraeger discuss this with the Town Administrator. Mr. Mankofsky is opposed to requesting more funds from the Town Council to fund the bus.**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. To extend the meeting past 9:00 p.m. Unanimous vote.**

**The Town has awarded funds for PA systems at Aquidneck and Forest Avenue schools. The total cost of \$1,224,816 will come from the Capital Improvement Budget.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**•Key Communicators Program – Mrs. Kraeger recently spoke at the Rotary Club and asked if anyone was interested in becoming**

**members. The group needs to be expanded.**

- Safety Update – A review the safety audits will take place at the next Administrator Meeting.**

- Shared Services – Mrs. Kraeger spoke to Newport School Committee Chairman Shoemaker. They will meet over the summer to discuss shared services. Miss DiPalma and Mrs. Spengler will meet with Newport and Mrs. Fenton and Mrs. Spengler will meet with Portsmouth.**

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- Private School Textbooks – East Bay Educational Collaborative will take care of private school textbooks. They are currently piloting this program with Bristol Warren. Textbooks will still be returned to Middletown at the end of school.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Rick Hole Athletic Foundation Grant – Mr. Collins met with a representative of the Rick Hole Foundation. \$25, 000 has been donated to Middletown Public Schools. Projects under consideration**

are a sprinkler system for baseball field, wind screens for the tennis courts, refurbishment of the area around the concession stand and a new score board. Mr. Collins has met with representatives from Salve Regina University to discuss the score board.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**

•**CURRICULUM** – This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

•**FINANCIAL** – At the next meeting, the 5-year forecast will be presented. This is done by law in conjunction with the Town Finance Director.

\***FACILITIES** – The project at Town Hall was recently completed. The Town Council has approved a resolution to revisit the Master Plan. New members will be solicited from the Town Council, Salve Regina University, etc. The Town Council has asked us to have a framework by July 17th. The Core Committee Meeting will be held the first week of July.

**MOTION:** 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee receive the Superintendent's Reports. Unanimous vote.

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

**Miss DiPalma attended DARE Graduation today. There was a good police presence.**

**Mrs. Fenton talked about non-paid summer internships and the importance of making sure it is connected to their program. The internships need to be approved by the Department of Labor.**

**Mr. Mankofsky attended DARE Graduation and was impressed with the ceremony and student speeches. He also commented that the WAVE is an excellent publication.**

**Mrs. Spengler commented on the wonderful graduation ceremony. Over \$63,000 in scholarships were given out. She commended the students and teachers.**

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**ADJOURN FROM MEETING**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. To adjourn from the School Committee Meeting at 9:36 p.m..**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Clerk**